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Re: Delaware Green Energy Fund Relief Program:

Dear GreenEnergy Applicant:

Thank you for participating in Delaware's Green Energy Program (GEP). As you know, the number of GEP applicants has exceeded the available funding, resulting in rebate payment delays. Fortunately, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("Recovery Act") has directed unprecedented funding to support energy efficiency and renewable energy, reduce pollution, and create jobs. By using this source of funding, which includes some conditions, we can remit the rebate grant payment to you, the complete and queued GEP customer, much sooner than previously estimated. I am writing to offer you an opportunity to accelerate your rebate payment by meeting the conditions of the federal Recovery Act.

One of the important conditions on Delaware's funding received through the *Recovery Act* is that recipients of rebates for renewable energy systems must conduct an energy audit and complete at least one energy efficiency improvement. This is a minimal requirement and one that is consistent with our state's "efficiency first" policy. Energy efficiency improvements will be a required step in the future for all new GEP participants. We realize this may seem like an additional step beyond what was originally offered. We understand that this requirement was probably not part of your original financing plans. In order to help facilitate this requirement, additional incentives will be provided to help with the upfront costs of the energy efficiency requirements. Those additional incentives will be coupled with your current GEP request and upon completion of the audit and upgrade all incentives will be paid in one payment to you. Please be aware this option is completely voluntary and simply a method to accelerate your GEP request.

If you are interested in participating in this energy audit and retrofit option, and receiving an accelerated rebate payment, please read carefully the attached program description details in "Green Energy Fund: Relief Program." Also, the details on this opportunity are available on our web site at <a href="www.energy.dnrec.delaware.gov">www.energy.dnrec.delaware.gov</a>. I urge you to consider the energy audit and retrofit option. Even without the benefit of an accelerated rebate payment, energy efficiency

investments can typically save 20 to 30 percent on home energy costs. Energy efficiency is the fastest way to save energy and money. At this time we would like to also inform you that the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) will soon be offering an expanded energy efficiency suite of opportunities through its programs. The SEU will begin Delaware's HOMESTAR Program in the coming months which will be an early launch to the Federal HOMESTAR Program yet to be enacted by Congress. So even if you opt not to participate in this program, please check out the SEU website at <a href="https://www.energizedelaware.org">www.energizedelaware.org</a> for new program details.

Again, thank you for participating in the GEP; we hope you will use this option to receive your funding more quickly while also improving your home energy efficiency. If not that is perfectly acceptable we will hold your name in the existing queue, and your payment will be processed as non-*Recovery Act* funding becomes available.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at scott.lynch@state.de.us or at 302-735-3480.

Sincerely,

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